

Introduced by Senator Price

January 6, 2010

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 61—Relative to proclaiming National Mentoring Month.

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SCR 61, as introduced, Price. National Mentoring Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of January 2010 as National Mentoring Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The citizens of California recognize that our
2 success depends on helping every child succeed in school and
3 reach his or her full potential in life, and realize that young people
4 need a solid foundation of support that will help them become
5 well-educated, confident, and productive citizens; and
6 WHEREAS, Mentoring is a proven, effective strategy that helps
7 children and young adults by matching them with caring,
8 responsible adults who can provide guidance and direction and
9 build their confidence; and
10 WHEREAS, Mentors build character, encourage success, boost
11 confidence, lift expectations, and expand the universe of a child,
12 serving as friends, role models, teachers, and sources of stability
13 and support during a critical time in a child's life; and
14 WHEREAS, Research shows that mentoring has beneficial
15 long-term effects on youth by increasing their chances of high
16 school graduation and college attendance and decreasing the
17 likelihood of substance abuse and other risky behaviors; and

1 WHEREAS, Mentoring strengthens our state's economic and
2 social well-being by helping young people fulfill their potential
3 while helping maintain healthy families and promoting more
4 vibrant communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Every day, residents of California are making a
6 profound difference in the lives of our young people by serving
7 as mentors, supported by many private and public sector
8 organizations that offer mentoring opportunities for youth; and

9 WHEREAS, Thousands of California's children are in need of
10 a caring adult mentor in their lives, and closing this mentoring gap
11 will take more investment, more partnerships, and more volunteers
12 ready to make a difference in a child's life; and

13 WHEREAS, The Obama Administration is working to expand
14 mentoring and other volunteer opportunities across America
15 through its United We Serve initiative, the Corporation for National
16 and Community Service, and other agencies and programs; and

17 WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month is an opportunity to
18 raise public awareness of the importance of mentoring, to recognize
19 the dedicated individuals who serve as mentors, and to encourage
20 more citizens to help build a brighter future for California's youth
21 through mentoring; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of
24 January 2010 as National Mentoring Month, and calls upon the
25 people of the State of California to recognize the importance of
26 mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their
27 communities, and to observe this month with appropriate activities
28 and programs; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
30 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.